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NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

Our own beloved Rev. Paul Van Hecke will be the preacher at our Sunday evening Services tonight July 18th. You know he's that one with the white upsweep hair, BIG voice, and the love of God just glowing from him when he gets to telling us about God. If you've never heard him speak and miss him tonight you'll be missing another wonderful MCC happening!

NEXT WEEK: Thom Jones reminds us he will be preaching on Sunday night, July 25th. Be there 'cause we feel sure God is going to Bless us Real Real good. We do have a surprise for that service.

COME,
Let us WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The Broken Barrier

READ EPHESIANS 2:10

Bible Thought: "*. . . Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me*" (Matthew 25:40).

SHE couldn't speak English, but her eyes told of the love of Christ that had broken down a long-standing barrier.

She was a Mexican-Indian mother of five whose husband had been injured on his job. They had clung jealously to the privacy of their two-room apartment, suspicious of those who tried to become friendly with them.

Now, as she watched box after box of groceries being brought into her kitchen by smiling Christian friends, tears began to trickle down her cheeks. Before we left, she gave us her own gift—fresh, steaming delicious tamales made with a loving mother's hands—and asked us to come back soon for a visit.

She had seen, and we had felt and shared with her, something that words could not have shown. We shared the love of Christ through something we did for each other.

When you were "created in Christ Jesus" through your baptism into him, you were created for a very special purpose: to do good works in his name.

The love of Christ knows no language or ethnic barriers. It can be told to the world through the good works.

Hymn: "Jesus Bids Us Shine."

Dear Father, thank you for the love that caused you to give your son, and for the love that we can share through him. We pray that this love will break down every barrier of hate, mistrust, and suspicion that man has built. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—Dick Cupp

"SUMMER COTILLION"

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH!!

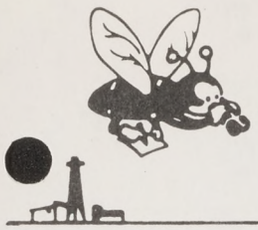
Don't forget to get your tickets for the "Summer Cotillion" from Bill Bennett or Dale Holland! Time is close -- this gala event takes place next Sunday night at the International Hotel at 8 PM.

Glenn Elliott stars as MC, Lee Glaze is featured as Special Guest Commentator, Danny Todd will dance, The Committee will play for dancing and last but not least THE CRESCENDOS -- MCC's very own vocal trio will sing! The lighting and Sound effects will be provided by MCC's talented Willie Smith.

Tickets are $7.50 in advance (through MCC Social Committee) and L-West Productions (Larry Loker & Mario Diaz) are giving the Church a percentage on each ticket sold.

So get your tickets now -- help make the event a success -- AND help your Church pay off our building debts!

See Bill or Dale after service today! Or order by phone: call 874-8045 and tell Larry or Mario that you are from MCC (we still get our percentage)!!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

JULY 11TH - ROSE OF UNION AVENUE

Let's have no pussyfooting about it,we do need central air conditioning at Union Avenue and we need it quickly! Today was not bad for me, wearing a lightweight shirt, but the choir and clergy must have been in misery with their robes. How much revenue might we lose as we approach the formidable heat of August and September? A 100 degree Sunday might even be enough to intimidate your loyal reporter! Might, hell, will!

Today, Deputy Deacon Shawn Farrell opened services with a reading from the Prophet, the portion on love, dedicated to those who love. I was almost afraid it might sound trite, (I've read it so often), but our sister reads with such quiet strength, and the words have such magic, that it was as captivating as ever. Male and female ushers lit the altar candles this morning which seemed so appropriate; hope they will continue this attempt at sharing responsibilities between the sexes. By the way, there were two women in the Chancel Choir today. Besides our loyal Holly there was an attractive girl named Susan. Bill Green directed the Choir.

Asst. Pastor John Hose welcomed us to the services, reminding us that this coming week (Wed.,Thurs.,Fri., and Sat.) we would have a Spiritual Renewal, giving many of us the opportunity to be regenerated as Christians and as human beings. Rev. Ken Jones chose "The Final Test of Service" for our responsive reading. Rev. Ploen followed with the Silent and Pastoral Prayer, prefacing it with a description of the Moslem Call to Prayer. His prayer this morning said "Loving Father of our Spirits, we offer the tribute of praise for thee. We need thee more than the most eloquent can express. With contrite hearts we pray that we might be cleansed of sin. Give us the trustfulness of the child...may the truth of Christ prevail."

Rev. Perry then took the pulpit; his face was so darkly tanned from the Long March to Sacramento that, although he had only just recovered from a dangerous bout with pneumonia, he appeared radiant with health. Randy from Honolulu and some visitors from Detroit were introduced. Today the front room was formally dedicated as The Sommers Drawing Room. Our Pastor also announced that a Visitation Committee had been formed by Rev. Ken Jones to visit the people in prisions and hospitals and invited members who wish to become active in this necessary work to contact Rev. Jones. Commenting playfully on the Social Hall downstairs Rev. Perry suggested that possibly some of us have tended to become more concerned with "...the Supper Room than the Upper Room" and went on to speak of the Spiritual Renewal Services. Time was also taken to publically thank Eric, Loren, Julie, Rusty, Fred Conwell and Spider & Quinn for their personal efforts in making our entries in the Christopher Street West Parade such a success.

Rev. Grace Sommers dressed in rose pink, delivered the sermon today, principally structured on comparisons with the Rose of Sharon. Telling us how pleased she was to be back, Rev. Sommers told us that over the past few months she had been critically ill and had lost her Mother, but God had made it possible for her to go on. Looking around she said "Miracles have been taking place here!!" and complimented us on our progress. Speaking of the beauty of roses, Rev. Sommers compared the rose and the Christian. She told an interesting anecdote of a beautiful movie star who had a professional appointment with a doctor friend. The receptionist, secretary and even the Dr. were excited over seeing this extraordinary woman. As she entered and sat down, Dr. Brand thought "What a beautiful human being!" But as she opened her mouth and began to speak she revealed such hatred and ugly thoughts from what she said that her physical beauty fell away.

Rev. Sommers asked if we had thought how often through gossip, sarcasm or simply saying things in the wrong tone, we hurt others? "If you witness for Jesus Christ you do not have the time to do these things." Being fond of visual aids, Grace Sommers came armed with branches of thorns, pruning shears, cut flowers, and a picture of Christ. Holding up each in their turn to illustrate successive points. Holding up the shears for example, she said "When God wants to add grace to our Soul he prunes and snips some ungracious thing from us that we might think is important."

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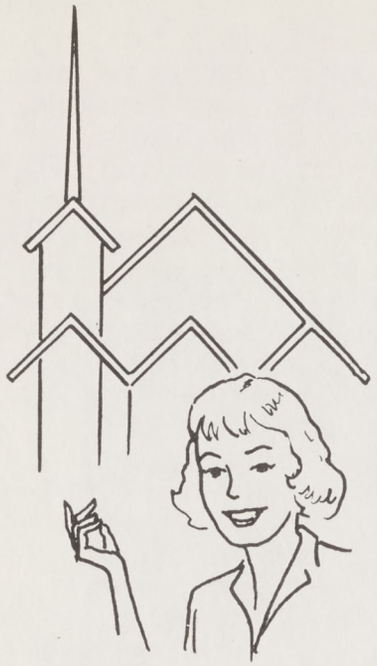

REV. GRACE SOMMERS

How nice it was to be back at MCC, and share God's message. We pray that whenever you see a rose you will be reminded that we must allow God to unfold our lives just as He unfolds the rose.

True happiness and peace can come to us only when we give God our all, and He becomes the "partner" in our lives! God's full treasure-house of blessing is only unlocked by the key of complete obedience.

It was so thoughtful of you to name the Church parlor "The Sommers Room!" We wish to say "Thank You" even tho we feel very humble about it. We do so little, compared to what our wonderful Master, Jesus Christ, did when He laid down His life that we might have salvation full and free, and the assurance of eternal life.

All the resources in the world were porvided by God, and He holds us responsible how we use them. Let us all seek guidance in the use of our possessions, our time, our talents, as well as our money.

Remember when we have nothing else to give there is a great need for prayer - we can all be prayer warriors for God. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

May God richly bless each of you, as together we work for God and His Church. In order to do this each one of us needs to get "in tune" every day. Arthur Lewis Tubbs gives us an easy way in his poem.

A MOMENT IN THE MORNING

A moment in the morning, ere the
cares of the day begin
Ere the heart's wide door is open
for the world to enter in,
Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the
silence of the morn,
In heavenly sweet communion, let
your duty-day be born.
In the quietude that blesses with
a prelude of repose
Let your soul be smoothed and soft-
ened, as the dew revives the rose.

A moment in the morning - a moment,
if no more
Is better than an hour when the
trying day is o'er.
'Tis the gentle dew from heaven,
the manna for the day;
If you fail to gather early - alas!
it melts away.
So, in the blush of the morning,
take God's offered hand of love,
And walk in heaven's pathway and
the peacefulness thereof.

I think more of the place where I was baptised than the Cathedral of Rheims where I was crowned. For the dignity of a child of God which was bestowed on me at baptism is greater than that of the ruler of a kingdom. The latter I shall lose at death -- the other will be my passport to everlasting glory.

-Louis, King of France and Saint

A View from the Pew Continued

Speaking on being a successful Christian, Rev. Sommers said "in order for us to be truly successful we must be a total sellout, giving of our time, money and talent. If you truly want to be involved you must identify yourself with God -- Hold back nothing." She concluded her sermon by asking Willie Smith to sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Rev. Sommers has a beautiful, gentle voice filled with the strength and purpose of her convictions. Her soft voice held such a beautiful message that it held our attention to the end.

JOIN US FOR SUPPER

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VALLEY VIEW

The Valley Parish cordially invites you to attend a potluck pool party on Tuesday evening, July 27, 7:30 PM at the home of:

Tony DuBois
13127 Archwood
North Hollywood
980-5355 (for directions)

Special showcase performance by a well known professional entertainer. Bring your family (adults, that is) and spend a very enjoyable evening.

Anyone planning to attend please contact C. Shawn Farrell, Valley Deputy Deacon, 764-3709 or 875-0419 no later than Sunday, July 25.

We expect a large turnout and want to plan the evening festivities accordingly.

The Valley Parish

NINTH MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUPLES CLUB

by Al Correa

Been to a pot luck dinner lately? They're always loads of fun but the company is usually more enjoyable than the disorganized dinner that accompanies it. Well last Friday the Los Angeles Couples Club had a party & pot luck dinner at Stan Bolinski and Ron Pannell's house which turned out so well that it was a walking tribute to the sort of good cooking that keeps a happy family together! There was a roast beef nothing short of superb---I tried to find out who brought it but everyone was so modest that no one would own up to it. Mike Lane and Don Holmes brought a delightfully baked ham cooked with cloves.

Not ordinary mashed potatoes were prepared by Mike & Jim, but a specially delicious recipe that had ground beef mixed in with the mashed potatoes, the whole then topped with a delicate cheese sauce.

It had been hot that July 9th, so for less robust appetites there were large platters of cheese and cold cuts. Even the selection of breads were varied, there being sourdough, bagels, etc. Stan Bolinski made the fresh lemonade from lemons right off of their own trees. There were several carefully prepared salads and a large chocolate cake brought over by Ken & Ken who had just returned from Paris.

Dancing had been planned, but we had all eaten so well and had such comfortable conversations going that we never got around to it.

Ralph Parham came alone (Jerry's having his tonsils out) with photos taken at the Sacramento demonstration and photos of the Christopher Street West Parade. Herb Pomeroy & Larry were there for the first time. Evelyn made an appearance, but as Selma was home ill, she left very early. Art & Wally were present, celebrating their fifteenth anniversary. A total of 25 were present.

The next meeting of the Los Angeles Couples Club will be an evening Beach Picnic at Playa Del Rey on the second Friday of August (13) at 7:30 PM. Bring some weiners, buns, cold drinks and wear a swimsuit --- We'll provide the charcoal for the Barbeque. We'll try to print a map before this next event so we can find each other.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking outward together.

Calling All Youth!

RELIGION IS A JOY

First off let me say that I am sure the other Youth Group members as well as myself would like to congratulate Ted and Jeff on the occassion of their wedding about 2 weeks ago. We want them to know that the Youth Group is behind them and are hoping that they will enjoy many years of happiness and love - and likewise to all the couples who have gone before.

Now that I've got that out of the way, let me just write in which ever way the spirit moves.

As I sit here or rather lie on this blanket in Exposition Park, I realize I've been coming to MCC for almost a year now. I couldn't say I haven't ever had a better year. If someone would have told me that I would have so many friends as I do now, and be so hung up on Church as I am today, I would have either blessed their soul real good or politely fainted;the point I am trying to get across is that I would have been shocked. REALLY! Every Sunday morning at about 8:00 I go into what you might call a MCC withdrawal and I don't get my fix until I've set through both the morning and evening services, I really think I'm hooked, because the same type of behavior goes on Thursday nights before I attend the CIC meetings and the Youth Group meetings on every 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month both here at the Church at 7:30 PM. At least I know I'm hooked and I don't have any intention of kicking the habit. Getting high off the Lord is better than any other trip.

Last Sunday night Rev. Perry told us the story of a man with 12 sons (he was on his job wasn't he?). He told them each to bring him wooden twigs, two for each one of them.Well each son did as they were told and they were all lined up and their Father went down the line and broke one twig from each son. He remarked, "you see how easy they break" and walked back and gathered together the remaining twigs and attempted to break them.Try as he may he couldn't succeed and hence he remarked."where there is unity there is strength."I believe this one particular proverb whole-heartedly.

Oh yes, just one more thing I'd like to expand on and that's our evening services each Sunday night. All of you should come if you have not been made aware of the carrying on that goes on during our evening services.These are our experimental services. They are more exciting or should I say more emotional. But as Rev. Perry always says, "you will only get out of the service what you put into it".Don't come to the evening services expecting the Lord to grab you and shake you around or you will be waiting a long while. Don't forget God helps him who helps himself. Don't misinterpret what I am saying. The morning services are for the more conservative more quiet worshipper which is good in it's own way because it does not matter how you worship as long as you're giving praise to God.

But I happen to be one of those loud Penticostals. The Bible says, "make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing, acknowledge that He has made us and not we ourselves". For this reason when I'm singing I want my hands, my eyes, my feet, my mouth,my whole body to say all that is in me. My folks always taught me that religion is a joy and that is how I feel. I believe that anything dead ought to be buried.

Well the Youth had a nice meeting this past Friday and we had an exciting activity yesterday. Remember we are your Youth Group and we want to keep being our sisters' sister. If you want to help us, pray for us because "prayer changes things". Well I think I'd better cut off here, I'm writing too much. Don't forget to keep the faith babe!!!

RAY HICKS
YOUTH GROUP MCC LA

ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER

By sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other, we show that we care. In alcoholics Together if a member has a problem and shares it with the other members, he may find many good answers from others who have solved similar problems.

We not only share our problems, but we also share our achievements. We know we give hope and encouragement to those around us for the struggle they may be having.

Sometimes it is difficult to know if we are on the right path to success. We gain strength and courage from others when they tell how they have overcome the things that seem to keep success just beyond the reach of some of us.

At the Alcoholics Together meetings, the alcoholic not only learns to solve his problems in the easiest way, he also learns how to live so that lifes' experiences do not become problems.

If you drink fairly regular you may have a problem with alcohol or you could be headed in that direction. At the Alcoholics Together meetings on Thursday evenings in the Church Social Hall you will find literature available that you can use to increase your knowledge about Alcoholism and Alcoholics.

Alcoholics Together was formed for homosexuals and everyone is welcome to attend the Thursday meeting. You will always find coffee, punch, cookies and usually other added treats. Without charge that will help make your evening a pleasant experience. Come as you are and bring a friend. You do not need to buy a ticket, pay a door fee to get in nor an entrance fee of any kind. If you know anyone who would benefit from the Alcoholics Together fellowship you can win their everlasting gratitude and perhaps save their life and sanity by introducing them to the fellowship.

Someday we hope that all homosexuals who are alcoholic will find our fellowship. Many already have. We are average Americans. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree, and upon which we can join in brotherly and harmonious action. Welcome, come on in, the coffee's fine.

Signed,
L. Dispennette

JOBS JOBS JOBS

The Lord has been blessing us real real good with many new jobs for our people who are out of work. Jobs seem to come from out of the clear blue sky to fulfill the needs of our community. We have people qualified for all types of jobs from engineers to dishwashers, and everything in between. It is really heart warming to see people who have had a rough time of it working and happy again. You too can be a part of this work that is so important by listing jobs that you have open with us.

We carefully screen all our applicants so that they fit the needs of the employer and the applicant. We feel that there is a place for everyone who really wants to work. If you need work, come and see us. If you have jobs available or know of openings, please let us know. You will be helping yourself as well as someone else. Please get involved and be a part of this work.

JOBS WANTED: HOUSE KEEPERS, FULL OR PART TIME, GARDNERS, WAREHOUSEMEN, CLERKS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, RESTAURANT AND OFFICE PERSONNEL, ORDERLIES, ACCOUNTANTS AND MANY MORE POSITIONS WANTED.

Deacon Bill Thorne

"Sure, it makes great camouflage, George, but think what it'll do to th' Marine Corps image."

THE METROPOLITAN PLAYERS

Lyle Page was the Director who put it all together. He really did a marvelous job and it is a great shame that there was not much more support from our community. I do believe our Little Theatre in the Round could be a beautiful sounding board for our Church and a real opportunity for our many talented members.

The professionalism shown in all ways proves that the Metropolitan Players can do just as well as the next. The fine stagework, the great lighting (the effect of starting in the dark, yet being able to see what is moving about), the sound effects, the telephone rings, door buzzers, lightning and thunder and even the sound of rain falling outside, and off-stage laughter were all so very believable!

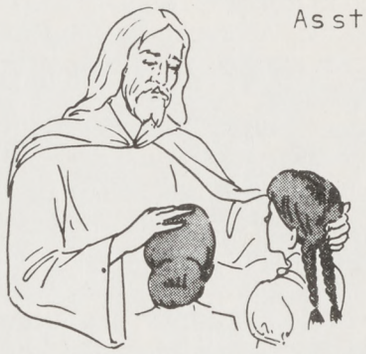
Dan Terrell and Henri Villeg, both played their roles of the rich gay couple truly well and capable. Herb Franklin was the perfect servant. Dale Holland was so very smart in his formal wear and his quick cute gay quips gave us all many laughs. Joan Lewis as Leila was stunningly beautiful in her red velvet and floor length train. Such elegance! Bill King's portrayal of worry and concern over his missing son was truly felt by us all. Rusty Carlson as the last minute substitute for ailing Mrs. Perry, even without a great many lines, showed us how a little old lady can belt a few martinis and still keep her poise. This was really humorous, amusing and appreciated.

Gino Vezina, to me, was the real Star. He was the one who so dramatically exposed the murder. His limp made me honestly feel he did have a bad wound. A realy gimp-leg Chester-type role. Of course, I'm prejudiced having known Gino for years and his "Sunday afternoon Gay Theatre" years ago staged just to get us out of our Saturday heads.

The play "Rope" is something all gays should know. Since it was patterned after the Loeb and Leopold murder case. However, its dialogue was up-to-date, Mod and with plenty of Gay dishing. It was truly entertaining, a fine drama, a profound subject and anyone who missed it, missed a real MCC happening!

At least the balcony was packed! Our Metropolitan Players are definitely a success. I hope the rumors of abandonment are only justified artistic temperament. We really can not start at the top, now can we? Are we real troupers or not? Next time, we'll pack the house and have Standing Room Only signs up. Keep up the good work Players.

Marty Seneca
Asst. Editor



CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn
If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight

If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy
If a child lives with shame
He learns to feel guilty

If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient
If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence

If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate
If a child lives with fairness
He learns justice

If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith
If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself

If a child lives with acceptance
and friendship
He learns to find love
in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!!

Okay, all you Reporters, Secretaries of Clubs and Parishes, Columnists, Clergy and anyone else who submits articles for the MCC News. We love you for the copy and couldn't do it without you, BUT, in order to have some kind of order and schedule, we have established a Wednesday evening deadline. Definitely, positively, no exceptions allowed if you want your article in that weeks' issue. Otherwise it will be held over for the next week.

Have Mercy On Us, Please! We just can't possibly type your articles and get them ready for paste up, make the plates and print hundreds of copies by Sunday morning if everyone hands in their copy on Friday evening.

If you could type your own articles at least once. Check it over for clarity and spellings, double spaced so that we can easily and quickly read it and type it off real fast, then we will have a little extra time to ourselves and loved ones. You CAN of course, submit them as early as you are ready. Anytime BEFORE Wednesday, would be real nice. This is wonderful work but really it can get exasperating at times with so much to do and no one around to help.

We've got a few good typists, but could use a few more dependable workers who can be copy readers or proof readers, someone interested in learning the intracacies of a printing machine. Just come on in and volunteer. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and we thank you.

Your Asst. Editor
Marty Seneca

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

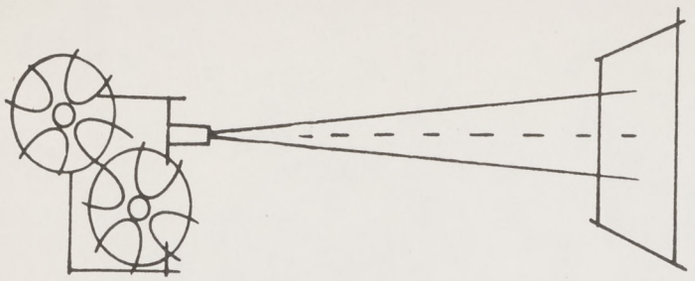
Let's Keep It Going Up!

FOOD FOR OUR NEEDY

"Let them eat cake" was the answer that Marie Antoinette gave them when she was told that the people were rioting because they had no bread. It seems as though many of our people have the same narrow minded selfish attitude.We have many people in our community who are in great need for the basic necessities of life,food and housing. We are doing our best as Deacons trying to help our fellow man. But we need help.Week after week we put our barrel out for people to put in food donations and each week there is so little in it. Where is your Christian love for your fellow man? Don't you care if someone is in desperate need; that he is hungry? Is all you care about just yourself and your own pleasures? I am really troubled about people who call themselves Christians and do nothing for anyone but themselves. Most of the people who we help are those who are laid off or who are disabled and have no way of getting funds. They are not lazy people. They are willing to do most any kind of work so that they can be independent again. They are desperately calling out for help.How can you as an individual deny them? How can you sleep at night knowing that you have done nothing to help people who are dropping with their hunger?

A few days ago a young boy collapsed in my office. When we revived him he began crying and pleaded "Oh God please help me!" It turned out he had not eaten in six days and had been sleeping in the parks and alleys, walking the streets all day from store to store to try and find work. He came to us for job counselling still too proud to tell of his full plight. We naturally have helped him in every way we can, and he is now working. I ask you for him to please help us help those in need. If each one of us brought just ONE item of food to put in the Deacons Barrel we could really start helping our fellowman the way we should.

Deacon Bill Thorne



PARADE FILMS COMING!!

PAT ROCCO IS BRINGING to us his movie film of the Christopher Street West Parade. They will be shown at MCC on July 25th, Sunday night right after the Evening Service. Come and see our two marvelous floats and the rest of the parade.

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TAKING MCC FOR GRANTED?

How many people take our Church and the services for granted? I must admit until two weeks ago I was doing this and not knowing it. How many Sunday mornings does the alarm go off and you moan and groan about having to get up, dressed and down to 2201 S. Union? You want to be there but it's such an effort.

Let me tell you, finding yourself in a position that you can't be there on Sunday, you are needed elsewhere, it certainly makes a difference. Rather than sitting back and enjoying a beautiful service, you must work to establish a worship service. That's when you find out just how much is being done every week by so many people from Rev. Perry right on down. I know God gives these people the stre strength but I also know it takes a lot of down right hard work, thought and pressure galore. All I can say is that on that rare occasion when I can make it to the Sunday morning worship service I will appreciate every moment and be thankful for the many hard working wonderful people that make this precious time possible for all. To them I say "Thank You".

With Love In Christ
Ted J. Sweet

PERSONAL SERVICES ANNOUNCES

"Metropolitan Community Do For You" is coming.

How many times have you needed something repaired and you didn't know who to call or where to call for help? You have a carpet that needs shampooing, but the cost of the average commercial rug or carpet shampooer is just disgusting.

Well don't loose faith girls(excuse the expression). Chances are your problems can soon be solved. Why? Because M.C.D.F.Y.is coming.

A file is being prepared to list the occupations of our people who are available to work for you or supply your needs. For example , a plumber or carpenter from our group will be able to give you an honest deal. Many of our guys may even be able to get you a discount.

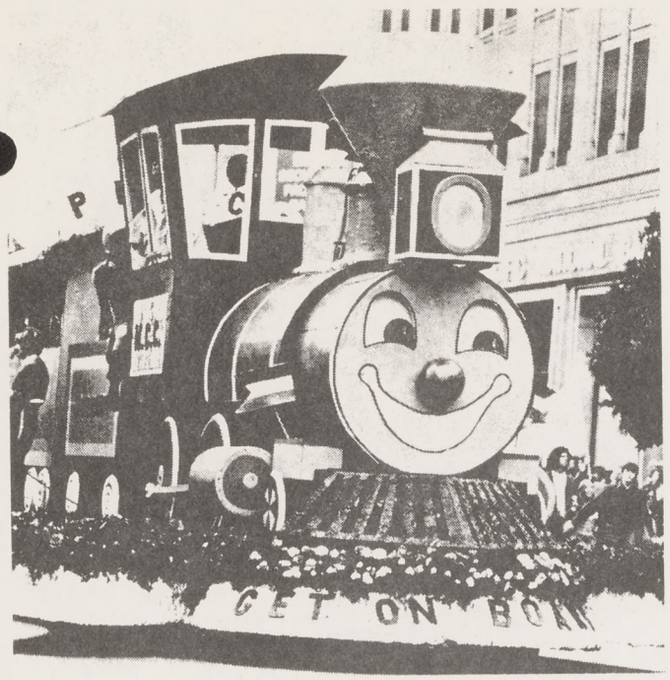
But! The first thing we must do is compile a file, listing your skills or products. In order to make this a successful service of MCC we need the cooperation of each person. Any person who is interested and wants to offer your services,please contact Ray Hicks in Personal Services 748-0123 and leave your name & phone number. Ray will call you to get your name and other information essential to the service you are offering. Remember - this is not a donation but another effort on the part of MCC's personal services department to support our community. As the Chamber of Commerce is so fond of saying "Keep your dollars at home, shop locally."

THERE'S A

COMING UP SOON!!

Let's start bringing in your good used Oldies but Goodies. We were so successful the last time, we are doing it again!

Your Publications Department



CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST
SUCCESS STORY

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the people who helped work on the parade. We went on vacation right after the Parade and now I feel like I can think again. So here goes:

We actually started work on the float 2weeks before the parade.Loren took us out to the Miller Float Co. and we picked out the two floats. I wish I had some "before" pictures of the float, but I will try to explain it.

As you probably know it was used in the Rose Bowl Parade last year and was completely covered with flowers. These flowers were glued on, so when we started we first had to scrape off all the old dead flowers and wire sand the entire float. That took us 4 days and it was miserable dirty hot work. That sun was unbelievable. We then started to paint the float and we would start work about 8:30 AM and work until about 2:30 PM when the sun go so hot we couldn't stand it. This took us about a week.

Then it was time to go to Sacramento for the March. That was an experience I'll never forget, I saw that rainbow and I know God was there. We came back Friday and stopped in Bakersfield. I called the Church and was told the work on the roses was going along nicely. We got back about 12:30 and stopped by the Church. It was a beautiful climax to a wonderful day. The Church was all quiet and serene. I went down to the basement and looked at all the roses. They were beautiful.7,000 roses sitting on the floor is an unusual sight.

The next day it was out to the float again, to put on all the foil (as foil will fade if left sitting in the sun) and the greenery.We had lots of help that day . We got home about 7:30PM and then had to plan to move the big float between 12:00midnight and 6:00 AM.

Fred Conwell was in charge of moving the float. We had arranged to meet at the float Co. at 11:30 PM. There was about 12 to 15 people there. We had 2 cars with flashing lights in front and 2 in back. Also two motorcyles (Fred & Quinn)and it took about 2 hours to pull the float to Hawthorne St. in Hollywood where we parked it the rest of the night. T-Beau pulled it with his truck and then his clutch went out so I had to get a trailor hitch on my truck to return it. We then had to guard it all that night and the next day.Also due to the truck problem we had to park the float in back of the Encore Theatre until Monday night at midnight. Bill White was very helpful by parking his camper with the float so we would have some place to sleep. We had people stay awake in shifts.

Then Sunday after Church we placed the roses on the float and got ready for the Parade. The reason I wrote so much about the Train Float is that it is the one that required all the work. The original cost of the float was $35,000. We were able to rent it for $250.00 as is, which meant we had to fix it up. The King and Queen Float cost us $300.00,but we didn't have to do a thing for it. It was delivered and picked up at the Parade and even all decorated. However I take great pride in the fact that the Train Float was without a doubt the best thing in the Parade. I have heard a lot of comments about what some of the Gay Lib did in the Parade. If our Gay publications and

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gossip mongers wish to follow their Hetero counterparts and play up those bad aspects,ignoring the really beautiful part of the Parade,then we are as bad as we claim the straight news media to be.

I would like to thank the following people that helped make the train the beautiful thing that it was.These people helped me day after day until the job was done. So once again thanks to: T-Beau McGusker, Erick Slater, Julie Shuman, Rusty Carlson, Fred Conwell, Paul Winders, Mickey Mihu, Loren Henderson and, the one I love the most in this world,Bob Quinn.

There were a lot of people that came around at the last minute and wanted to know what they could do. With some I did have some jobs to do and with others I didn't. I want to say thank you to everybody that helped and also those that offered. I would also like to encourage you to get involved earlier next year. The more people involved earlier, a better parade it will become.

The total expenses for the parade (as far as the Church is concerned) were $882.87. We received in donations a total of $889.90 leaving $7.30, which was great. I want to list the business establishments that made this possible for the Church and suggest that you drop in and say thank you. Let them know that you are from MCC.

The Wagon Wheel (Bar)
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221-1236
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6112 Venice Blvd.
Rich's Wilshire Club
674 S. Vermont St.
The French Bull (Bar)
5661 Sepulveda Blvd.
Tony's Bar
10618 Burbank Blvd.
Al's Playhouse (Bar)
9306 E. Alondra Blvd.
Flowers For You
9038 Woodman Blvd.

Well,that is some of the "Behind the Scenes" story of the Parade. If you have any questions about the Parade, please feel free to ask me. When you hear a rumor and its a bad one, just ask us so we can stop it. If it is a good one, well, I am human and like to hear nice things too. So until next year at Parade time,I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Terry (Spider) Luton

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SOUTH CENTRAL PARISH GOSSIP

The South Central Parish had its first reorganizational meeting last night at the home of Rusty Carlson in South Gate. Eleven people showed up to enjoy coffee and iced tea while we discussed the reorganization of the parish. We're going to be having a telephone campaign to explain and invite people to meet with us. Also the next meeting is going to be July 27. The place will be announced next week so watch for this column. We're going to be discussing plans for the rest of the summer. Got any ideas for interesting Parish activities? Come and join us July 27th.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Mason

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Last week in my article, I asked for people with restaurant experience and for artists. I now have two artists and some restaurant help, but more are needed. If you are interested please contact me at the Church Office.

Starting next week, you will have to be a little early for Church. The Coffee Hour will be from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This will be held every week, followed by a Brunch on alternate weeks.

On August First, we have our Church Picnic.This will be held immediately after Church. Steaks will be Bar-B-Q'd. You must buy your tickets before Church Services in order to be sure to get them. The donations are $2.00.

Saturday August 21, at 8 PM in the Social Hall, we will have an Ice-cream Social and Dance. The donation of $1.50 will include two ice-cream dishes.

My committee is in the process of reconstruction of the kitchen facilities and donations are needed. For more information concerning this article, please contact me.

Thank you,
Bill Bennett

SOUTH BAY PARISH

The South Bay Parish will hold a pot-luck dinner at the home of Deputy Deacon Fred Sferrazzo at 424 Fifth St., Manhattan Beach, Phone 379-2216 for information.

The meeting starts at 8:00 PM Thursday July 22. See or call Fred in regards to what you can bring.

Let's have a big turnout and get things going in the South Bay Parish. We can't let all the other Parishes show us up! Join us in fellowship and praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon Glenn Schmoll

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY, JULY 19TH	7:30 PM	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
TUESDAY, JULY 20TH	8:00 PM	HOLLYWOOD PARISH, Ralph & Jerry's 1943 1/2 Palmerston Pl. Hollywood, 660-2042
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST	7:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP - RAP SESSION
	7:30 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	LONG BEACH PARISH General Meeting & Bible Study Steve & Tino's
	8:00 PM	LAVENDER LADIES OF LOS ANGELES
THURSDAY, JULY 22ND	7:00 PM	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA The Sommers Room
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	C.I.C. MEETING Seminary Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Church Social Hall
SATURDAY, JULY 24TH	10:00 PM	CHURCH CLEANING
	8:00 PM	SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP
SUNDAY, JULY 25TH	9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 AM	THE ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	NEW MEMBERSHIPS CLASS The Sommers Room
	9:30 AM	COFFEE SOCIAL HOUR
	9:30 AM	BIBLE CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
	10:30 AM	SPINGSPIRATION
	10:30 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 AM	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	7:00 PM	EVENING SERVICE

PARADE MOVIE BY PAT ROCCO RIGHT AFTER EVENING SERVICE
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